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**CONCORDIA PREPARES FOR MCGILL THIS SATURDAY AFTER  
WINNING OPENER AGAINST QUEEN'S 20-11; RANKED FIFTH IN CIAU WEEKLY  
NATIONAL POLL**

The Concordia University Stingers took a major step towards a playoff berth Sunday as they downed the sixth-ranked Queen's Golden Gaels 20-11 in the opening Ontario-Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference game for both teams.

The victory gave the Stingers a 1-0 record (2-0 overall) and a tie with Bishop's and Ottawa for first place in the O-QIFC.

Concordia's victory moved them up to the fifth position in the weekly CIAU rankings while Queen's dropped out of the top ten.

A strong team defensive effort and the leadership of quarterback **Ron Aboud** were the keys for Pat Sheahan's squad. The defense was outstanding as they limited Queen's to just four points on a field goal and a single. The Gaels scored their only touchdown on a fumble recovery on a blocked punt. **Gaston Thibodeau**, a third-year linebacker had 9 tackles and the Stingers picked off three passes including one by captain **Stéphane Chapados**, the 16th of his career, tying the league record for career interceptions.

Quarterback **Ron Aboud** sparked the offense as he threw for 256 yards, including a 22 yard scoring strike to **John Colatosti**, and ran for another 52 yards. Halfback **Robert Pinazza** scored Concordia's other major. First-year receiver **Jean-François Joyal** caught 5 passes for 72 yards in his first regular season game.

The Stingers now travel downtown to defend the Shaughnessy Cup against the McGill Redmen. The Stingers downed McGill 27-23 last year to capture the coveted cup and will be looking for another strong effort against their arch-rivals. Game time is 1:00 p.m. at Molson Stadium.

***STINGER PLAYERS OF THE GAME  
Sunday, Sept. 16 - Queen's***

**Stéphane Chapados**  
*Specialty*

**Ron Aboud**  
*Offense*

**Gaston Thibodeau**  
*Defense*